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11. Many civilian air traffic controllers returned to work today after the Dominican Civil Aviation Authority and Dominican Air Traffic Controllers Union reached an agreement early today. Representatives from both parties explained to econoff that agreement was reached at 1:30 am after many hours of negotiating. The union acknowledged that the GODR is in no position to increase salaries at this time. The parties will continue to engage one other on other work-related issues. Indications are that operations are "70 to 80 percent back to normal." Embassy will continue to monitor the situation.

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